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In re Application of :
Murray E. Stanley, Jr. :
Serial No. 08/292,286 :
Filed: August 18, 1994 :
For: COMBINATION WARNING FLAG AND :
STORAGE BAG :
: DECISION ON PETITION
: REGARDING WITHDRAWAL
: OF ATTORNEY

Counsel has filed a petition on April 8, 1996, seeking to withdraw from prosecution in this application.

The petition is DENIED.

As noted at MPEP 402.06, the usual requirement is that there be at least thirty days between approval of a request to withdraw as attorney and the date of expiration of a running time period. While this requirement is now construed as permitting withdrawal when an extension to a running time period is available so as to achieve the thirty days between approval of a request to withdraw and the expiration date, it is noted that this application had an Office action mailed on November 16, 1995, with a response being due February 16, 1996, although the response period could have been extended until May 16, 1996.

Therefore, since there are not thirty days remaining between approval of the withdrawal and the expiration date of the running time period, the withdrawal cannot be permitted.

WITHDRAW DENIED.

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